

that's too bad

When someone tells you bad news, say this to show that you care.



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "I didn't get the job."

B: "**That's too bad.** But I'm sure you'll get one soon."

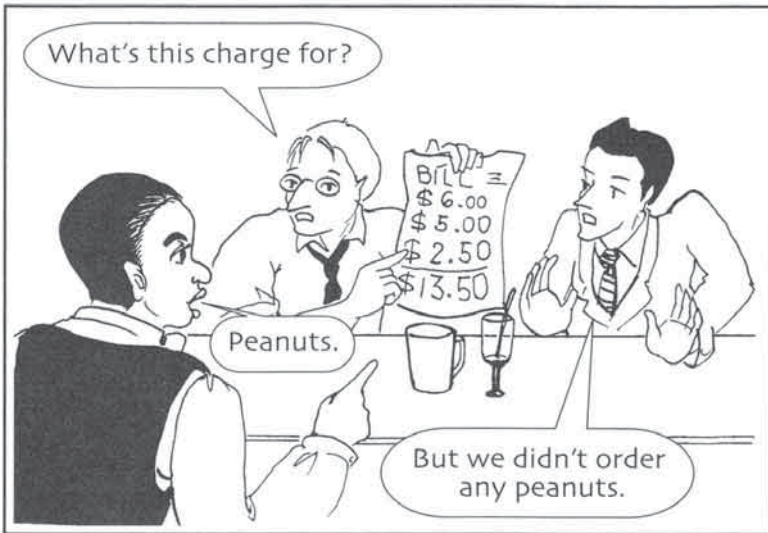
A: "Our computer system has been down for five days!"

B: "**That's too bad.**"

NOTE: down = not working

What's this charge for?

Ask this when you don't understand an amount on your bill or receipt.



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "What's this charge for?"

B: "That's the shipping charge."

A: "Excuse me. What's this charge for on my receipt?"

B: "It's the tax."

to someone / something

When people drink together, they say this to wish success to someone or something.



MORE EXAMPLES 🗨️

(at a wedding) "**To** the bride and groom!"

(at a gathering of friends) "**To** friendship!"

(at a business dinner) "**To** our new partnership!"

I heard it through the grapevine

someone told me something
as gossip or a rumor

Tom's wife is pregnant.



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How did you know?



I heard it through the grapevine.

MORE EXAMPLES

A: "Alex lost his job."

B: "Who told you that?"

A: "**I heard it through the grapevine.**"

A: "Are you sure the company is closing?"

B: "No, I'm not sure. **I heard it through the grapevine.**"

hear back from someone

receive a reply from someone



MORE EXAMPLES

"I emailed Ted yesterday, and I hope to **hear back from** him soon."

A: "Did you get the job?"

B: "No. I had an interview, but I never **heard back from** the company."

really like / really enjoy / really want

NOT ~~very like~~ / NOT ~~very enjoy~~ / NOT ~~very want~~

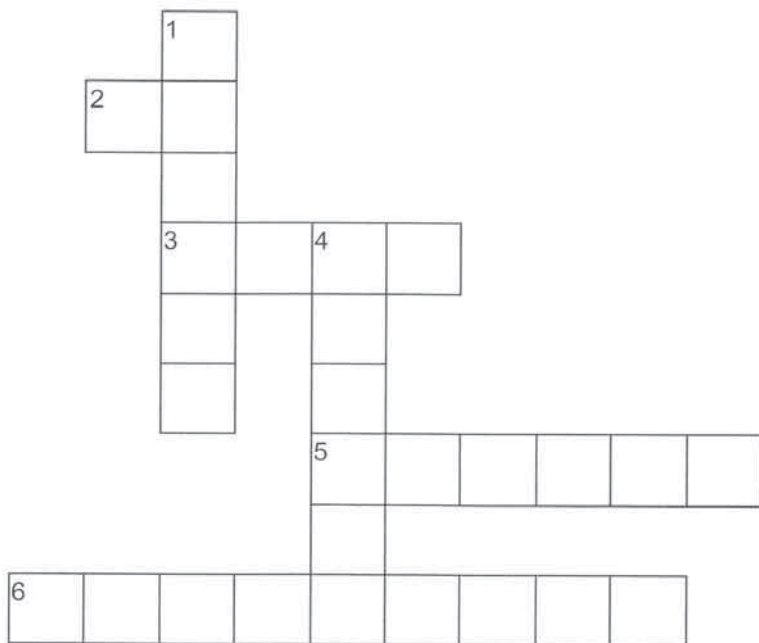


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“Jane, I **really enjoyed** your presentation today.”

“I **really like** my English class. I **really want** to improve my writing.”

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ACROSS

- 2) At a wedding, someone might lift their glass and say, “___ the bride and groom!”
- 3) “I wrote to her. I don’t know if she got my letter because I didn’t hear ___ from her.”
- 5) “Do you like Italian food?” ■ “Yes, I ___ like it! I like it a lot!”
- 6) “Todd got a new job! I heard it through the ___. Everyone is talking about it.”

DOWN

- 1) “My mother is sick. She’s in the hospital.”
 - “That’s ___ ___.”
- 4) “Waiter, what’s this ___ for on my bill?”
 - “That \$4.59 on your bill is the tax.”

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